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ECA/PE/V/G/N-ALICE SHIFFLETT; SA/PD

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: OEXC SCUL KPAO OEXC

SUBJECT: FY-2003 IV PROGRAM: SRI LANKAN NOMINATION FOR
MRP ON "PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS":

MARCH 13-APRIL 3, 2003

PROJECT NUMBER: E/VP-2003-0017

REF: (A) COLOMBO 01899, (B) STATE 126593, (C) STATE

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1. POST NOMINATES MS. GEETHANJALI RANAWAKA, ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, FOR
PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT PROJECT.

12. NOMINATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

EXPORT-SOURCE: USIS EVDB

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START NOMINATION:

USIA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 66

USIA-PROJ-NO: E/VP-2003-0017

PROJ-NAME: Protection of Intellectual Property Rights -

March 13 - April 3, 2003

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2003

DEPART-POST: 03/11/2003

SESSION-DATE: 03/13/2003

RETURN-POST: 04/06/2003

NO-OF-PART: 1

RANK-ORDER: 9

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

This nomination is in support of MPP strategic goals on
"Open Markets" and the mission strategy to urge the GSL
to enforce vigorously newly enacted IPR legislation

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

USIA-OFFICE-ID: 1039

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: U

SUBJ-DISC: Intellectual Property Rights

START BIO:

PREFIX: Ms.

F-NAME: Geethanjali

M-NAME: Rupika

L-NAME: RANAWAKA

SUFFIX:

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

M-ADDR1: National Intellectual Property Office

M-ADDR2: "Samagam Medura," 3rd Floor

M-ADDR3: D.R. Wijewardena Mawatha

M-CITY: Colombo 10

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (94-1) 669-178

M-FAX: (94-1) 689-367

M-EMAIL:

M-CNTRY-ID: CE

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: F

DOB: 05/23/1965

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Colombo

BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

START MEMO POSITION:

Assistant Director, National Intellectual Property,

1992- to date

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

Attorney-at-Law since 1989

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

None

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

Attorney-at-Law, Sri Lanka Law College, 1989

Post Attorney Diploma in Intellectual Property, Sri

Lanka Law College,

(in collaboration with Asia Pacific Legal Institution
in Washington, D.C.)

LL.B. (Final year student) Open University of Sri Lanka

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

FIRST-LANG: Sinhala

ENGL-READ: 4

ENGL-SPEAK: 4

ENGL-COMP: 4

START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

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END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:

START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:

NOMINATING-OFFICER: Stephen Holgate

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Ms. Ranawaka has served for ten years as the Assistant Director of the National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO) and, according to the current director, has good prospects for becoming the head of the office in the future. The existence and enforcement of strong IPR laws are critical to Sri Lanka's economic development, especially if it hopes to take advantage of the burgeoning IT industry. IPR issues are central to many American investors and to the USG.

According to the current director of NIPO, Ms. Ranawaka is a dedicated officer who will have an increasing influence on IPR issues. An exposure to the American scene through the participation in MRP on "Protection of Intellectual Property Rights" would provide her with a broader perspective of the issues involving IPR and related fields and impress upon her the centrality of these issues to foreign investment in Sri Lanka. This will also provide an opportunity to establish institutional linkages.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: Public Affairs

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: Yes

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: Yes

HOME-HOSP?: Yes

E-I-TYPE:

NOMINEE-ID: 97

PERSON-ID: 64

BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: CE

CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CE

RES-CNTRY-ID: CE

FIRST-LANG-ID: SI

E-I-TYPE-ID:

NOM-POST-ID: 2929

NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

NOM-STATUS: N

END BIO:

END NOMINATION:

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